

WILLIAM F. RIGGS

IBLA 78-497

Decided September 6, 1978

Appeal from a decision of the California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, rejecting simultaneous oil and gas lease offer CA 5036.

Affirmed.

1. Oil and Gas Leases: Applications: Generally -- Oil and Gas Leases:  
Applications: Drawings

A simultaneous oil and gas lease offer is properly rejected where the drawing entry card is not dated.

APPEARANCES: William F. Riggs, San Mateo, California, pro se.

OPINION BY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FISHMAN

William F. Riggs has appealed from a decision of the California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, dated June 13, 1978, rejecting his oil and gas lease offer CA 5036 filed on a drawing entry card for Parcel No. CA 312 of the March 20, 1978, list of lands available for simultaneous oil and gas filings. The offer was drawn number two at the drawing held on April 7, 1978. The number one drawee's offer was rejected because he failed to pay rental timely. The offer was rejected for the stated reason that Riggs failed to date the entry card as required by 43 CFR 3112.2-1.

Appellant states: "I hereby appeal this case as I mailed a personal check, dated and signed to cover this transaction."

Appellant's statement of reasons is somewhat obscure; presumably he is suggesting that because his remittance of the filing fee was dated, this obviates a date of signature on the drawing card.

[1] The Board has ruled on numerous occasions that strict compliance with the regulation is necessary. Thomas V. Gullo, 29 IBLA 126 (1977); John Willard Dixon, 28 IBLA 275 (1976); and Robert J. Burkhill, 28 IBLA 76 (1976). Even minor deviations and omissions in the information required on a drawing entry card are sufficient to warrant the rejection of the offer. Raymond F. Kaiser, 27 IBLA 373 (1976). Thus the incomplete entry of the date has been held a proper reason for rejection of the offer, Gullo, *supra* (the first applicant, but not the second applicant, dated the entry card); Burkhill, *supra*; Helen E. Ferris, 26 IBLA 382 (1976) (day of the month omitted). The date must be entered on the card in the space provided in order for the card to be fully executed as required by the regulation. The date is important because it shows that as of a particular date, the offerors, by their signatures, certify all the statements made on the card. *See* Ray Flamm, 24 IBLA 10 (1976). No date having appeared on the entry card, the entry card was properly rejected. Thomas C. Moran, 32 IBLA 168 (1977).

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Land Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, the decision appealed from is affirmed.

Frederick Fishman  
Administrative Judge

We concur:

Douglas E. Henriques  
Administrative Judge

Joan B. Thompson  
Administrative Judge

